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FOR MARSHALL ROTHE, ASIA POPULATION CONFERENCE,

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PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO MEMBERS FOLLOWING HIGHLIGHTS WORLD
POPULATION PLAN OF ACTION:

1. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD INTEGRATE POPULATION MEASURES AND PROGRAMS INTO COMPREHENSIVE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PLANS AND PROGRAMS AND THEIR INTEGRATION SHOULD BE REFLECTED IN THE GOALS, INSTRUMENTALITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR PLANNING WITHIN THE COUNTRIES. A UNIT DEALING WITH POPULATION ASPECTS SHOULD BE CREATED AND PLACED AT A HIGH LEVEL OF THE NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE (SEC. 94).
2. COUNTRIES WHICH CONSIDER THEIR POPULATION GROWTH HAMPERS ATTAINMENT OF THEIR GOALS SHOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING POPULATION POLICIES--THROUGH A LOW LEVEL OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES (SECS. 17, 18).
3. HIGHEST PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO REDUCTION IN MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY AND INCREASE OF LIFE EXPECTANCY AND PROGRAMS FOR THIS PURPOSE SHOULD REACH RURAL AREAS AND UNDERPRIVILEGED GROUPS (SECS. 20-25).

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4. COUNTRIES ARE URGED TO ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE EDUCATION CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND MAKE AVAILABLE TO PERSONS WHO SO DESIRE ADVICE AND MEANS OF ACHIEVING IT (SEC. 29(B)).

5. FAMILY PLANNING AND RELATED SERVICES SHOULD AIM AT PREVENTION OF UNWANTED PREGNANCIES AND ALSO AT ELIMINATION OF INVOLUNTARY STERILITY OR SUBFECUNDITY TO ENABLE COUPLES TO ACHIEVE THEIR DESIRED NUMBER OF CHILDREN (SEC. 29(C)).

6. ADEQUATELY TRAINED AUXILIARY PERSONNEL, SOCIAL WORKERS AND NON-GOVERNMENT CHANNELS SHALL BE USED TO HELP PROVIDE FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES (SEC. 29(E)).

7. GOVERNMENTS WITH FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS SHOULD CONSIDER COORDINATING THEM WITH HEALTH AND OTHER SERVICES DESIGNED TO RAISE THE QUALITY OF LIFE (SEC. 30).

8. COUNTRIES WISHING TO AFFECT FERTILITY LEVELS SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY TO DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND HEALTH AND EDUCATION STRATEGIES WHICH HAVE A DECISIVE EFFECT UPON DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS, INCLUDING FERTILITY (SEC. 31). THESE MAY INCLUDE REDUCTION IN INFANT AND CHILD MORTALITY, INCREASED EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY FOR FEMALES, IMPROVEMENT IN THE STATUS OF WOMEN, LAND REFORM AND SUPPORT IN OLD AGE (SEC. 32).

9. COUNTRIES WHICH CONSIDER THEIR BIRTH RATES DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR NATIONAL PURPOSES ARE INVITED TO SET QUANTITATIVE GOALS AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO ACHIEVE THEM BY 1985 (SEC. 37).

10. DEVELOPED COUNTRIES ARE URGED TO DEVELOP APPROPRIATE POLICIES IN POPULATION, CONSUMPTION AND INVESTMENT, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED FOR FUNDAMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL EQUITY.

11. BECAUSE THE FAMILY IS THE BASIC UNIT OF SOCIETY, GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ASSIST FAMILIES AS FAR AS POSSIBLE
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THROUGH LEGISLATION AND SERVICES (SEC. 39).

12. GOVERNMENTS SHOULD ENSURE FULL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE EDUCATIONAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL LIFE OF THEIR COUNTRIES ON AN EQUAL BASIS WITH MEN (SEC. 40). (A NEW PROVISION, ADDED AT BUCHAREST.)

13. A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE TO STABILIZE MIGRATION WITHIN COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY POLICIES TO REDUCE THE UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES OF EXCESSIVELY RAPID URBANIZATION AND TO DEVELOP OPPORTUNITIES IN RURAL AREAS AND SMALL TOWNS, RECOGNIZING THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO MOVE FREELY WITHIN THEIR NATIONAL BOUNDARIES (SECS. 44-50).

14. AGREEMENTS SHOULD BE CONCLUDED TO REGULATE THE INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF WORKERS AND TO ASSURE NON-DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THESE WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES; ALSO OTHER MEASURES TO DECREASE THE BRAIN DRAIN FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (SECS. 51-62).

15. TO ASSURE NEEDED INFORMATION CONCERNING POPULATION TRENDS, POPULATION CENSUSES SHOULD BE TAKEN AT REGULAR INTERVALS AND INFORMATION CONCERNING BIRTHS AND DEATHS BE MADE AVAILABLE AT LEAST ANNUALLY (SECS. 72-77).

16. RESEARCH SHOULD BE INTENSIFIED TO DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE CONCERNING THE SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL INTER-RELATIONSHIPS WITH POPULATION TRENDS; EFFECTIVE MEANS OF REDUCING INFANT AND CHILDHOOD MORTALITY; METHODS FOR INTEGRATING POPULATION GOALS INTO NATIONAL PLANS, MEANS OF IMPROVING THE MOTIVATION OF PEOPLE, ANALYSIS OF POPULATION POLICIES IN RELATION TO SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, LAWS AND INSTITUTIONS; METHODS OF FERTILITY REGULATION TO MEET THE VARIED REQUIREMENTS OF INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING METHODS REQUIRING NO MEDICAL SUPERVISION; THE INTERRELATIONS OF HEALTH, NUTRITION AND REPRODUCTIVE BIOLOGY; AND METHODS FOR IMPROVING THE ADMINISTRATION, DELIVERY AND UTILIZATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES, INCLUDING FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES (SECS. 78-80).
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17. TRAINING OF MANAGEMENT ON POPULATION DYNAMICS AND ADMINISTRATION, ON AN INTERDISCIPLINARY BASIS, SHOULD BE PROVIDED FOR MEDICAL, PARAMEDICAL, TRADITIONAL HEALTH PERSONNEL, PROGRAM ADMINISTRATORS, SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, LABOR, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL LEADERS. EDUCATION AND INFORMATION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN TO BRING POPULATION INFORMATION TO ALL AREAS OF COUNTRIES (SECS. 81-92).

18. AN IMPORTANT ROLE OF GOVERNMENTS IS TO DETERMINE AND ASSESS THE POPULATION PROBLEMS AND NEEDS OF THEIR COUNTRIES IN THE LIGHT OF THEIR POLITICAL, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, RELIGIOUS AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS; SUCH AN

UNDERTAKING SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT SYSTEMATICALLY AND PERIODICALLY SO AS TO PROVIDE INFORMED, RATIONAL AND DYNAMIC DECISION-MAKING IN MATTERS OF POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT (SEC. 97).

19. INTERNATIONAL, INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS SHOULD INCREASE THEIR ASSISTANCE IN THE POPULATION FIELD ON REQUEST.

20. THE PLAN OF ACTION SHOULD BE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE, REVIEWED IN DEPTH AT FIVE YEAR INTERVALS, AND MODIFIED AS APPROPRIATE.
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